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St. John's Lutheran Church Parkville



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First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022



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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

Introduction to the Day

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!)

(Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding* *Robert J. Powell*
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(Please stand as you are able.)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God of new beginnings,
we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✝ Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun* *ELW 557*

(Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.; Music: Francois H. Barthelemon, 1741-1808)

This week's schedule

Today	9 am	Sunday School and Faith & Fellowship
	9 am	Handbell Choir (Music Room)
	10 am	Live & Online Worship

Mon.

Tues.

Wed.	7:30 pm	Adult Choir (Music Room)
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Thurs.

Fri.

Sat.

Counting our Blessings

Sun. 11/20	Attendance: 122 Offering: \$12,202 Homebound: 20	2022	
		September Offering Income	\$18,675
		September Other Income	\$ 553
		September Total Income	\$19,228
		September Expenses	\$34,562
		YTD Offering Income	\$183,710
		YTD Other Income	\$ 19,062
		YTD Total Income	\$202,772
		YTD Expenses	\$273,981



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Raymond Miller, Matthew Miller, Bill & Bonnie Rogers, Jim Morrow, Mardi Nickel, Kim Townsley, Thomas McDonough, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Franny Burk, Livie Bach, Bob Murphy, Jen Schoenfliess, Pearl Johnson, Sharon Hunt, Lee Hall, Patricia Kuklinski, Judy Taylor, Sean Pullen, John Bowman, Norma Weber, Rejena Hartlove, Chuck Miller, Jeanne Edmunds, John Miller, Arlo Jones, Denise Ferguson, Mary Jo Rother, Bonnie Kellner, Kristin Weger, Linda Fliegel, Helen Bender and Doug Adams

For the military and their families: Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For those grieving family & friends of: Alberta Nolder

For St. John's Caring Friends: Trudy Anderson, Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Patricia Sollanek, Kim Townsley, Cass Tracey and Emma Volz

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Light One Candle (verse 1 sung twice) ELW 240

*Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.*

(Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954; Music: Yiddish folk tune; Text © 1984 Fortress Press)

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of the Lord now!"

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (*Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses*)

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
**Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;
**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**
For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.
**For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.**
Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Edition! Notes from the Organ Bench

Singers needed! The Adult choir could use a few more singers for the cantata on Sunday, December 18th. This is your chance to make a short term commitment. Practices begin @ 7:30 pm on Wednesdays, November 30th, December 7th, and 14th. A recording of the music is provided for at-home listening and practice. (Mine is playing constantly when I drive.) Please let me know (mrequard1@gmail.com) if you want to take advantage of this opportunity.

Now for the most exciting news of all! Lights! Cameras! Action!

St. John's Productions is looking for...

Children of ALL ages are needed for this year's Children's Christmas Eve service. This year we are creating a slide show for the program. We will be “shooting” at various locations in Baltimore County. We need-

- Photographers (phone pictures will do)
- Children (young and older) willing to dress as players in the nativity story (costumes provided)
- Parents willing to transport our actors to the filming sites

Our “filming” will be done on “location” immediately after church on Sunday, December 4th. Afterwards, we will meet back at the church for pizza. If we have enough people we should be finished in time for the Ravens vs. Broncos game @ 1:00.

In addition to the filming, we need several children and an adult to participate in the service for the play with the slide show. The congregation will be providing the singing.

Let me know if you will be helping with this so that there is enough food for all!

As always, continue
Making a Joyful Noise!
Martha



Social Ministry is again participating in the **Shoebboxes for C.A.N. Program**. The shoeboxes will be filled and donated to children in need at the Eastside Shelter. **Items needed are: shoeboxes, matching hats and gloves, small toys that will fit in the shoeboxes. (Please no matchbox cars, we have plenty).** Please drop your donations in the bins in the 2nd & 3rd floor stairwells or in the church office. **Donations are due today.** If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Buckless.



Breakfast with Santa St. John's Youth is sponsoring **Breakfast with Santa** on Saturday, December 10th from 9 am—11 am. Flyers are located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary. Please fill out a form and drop it in the box or return it to the church office. Reservations are requested. **Please sign up by December 4th.**



We invite you to participate in the Wreaths across America event on December 17th at 2 pm in St. John's Cemetery. The cost of the wreaths are \$15. \$5 from each wreath sold will go to St. John's. Flyers with more information are located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary, in the weekly emails and on the website. **Orders must be placed by November 29th.**



Save the Date for St. John's 4th Annual Bull and Shrimp Roast. Friday, February 17, 2023 from 6:30 pm—10:30 pm at Columbus Gardens. Flyers are located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary, on the website and in the weekly emails .



Venmo is Here! We are happy to announce that you can now give your offering using Venmo. Enter @stjohnsparkville in the Venmo App or scan the QR code.



(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Kyrie Eleison*

♩ = 63 **INTRO**
 F B♭/F F C^{SUS} Gm B♭² F/A Dm C^{SUS}

VERSE 1
 5 F B♭/F F C^{SUS} Gm⁷ B♭² F Dm C^{SUS}

1. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Hear our cry and heal ____ our _land. Let

9 F B♭/F F C^{SUS} Gm⁷ B♭² F C^{SUS}

kind - ness lead us to re - pent - ance; bring us back a - gain. _

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GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples, “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this:

if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

ELW 244

(Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Finlater, 1823-1907; Music: Swedish folk tune)

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each petition God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(We offer each other a sign of God’s peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC

When Will the Little King Come?

Adult Choir

(Words and Music: Ruth Elaine Schram © 1990 Alfred Publishing Co., Inc.)

Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	JoAnn Weiland
Crucifer	Brody E.
Acolyte (s)	Landry E., James W.
Lector	Judy Jasinski
Communion Assistant	Judy Jasinski

Announcements & Upcoming Event

Next Week— 2nd Sunday of Advent, December 4th

† 9 am— **Advent Celebration (for all ages) in the Fellowship Hall**
† 10 am— **Worship in-person and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel** at
stjohns.lutheran.church.parkville.md.



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in honor of St. John’s by the Addison family.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Dates available are: January 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, February 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, April 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd, May 7th, 14th and 21st. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers.

Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten.



Food for Thought Program is in need of: **chicken & tuna salad kits and pudding cups.**

Social Ministry is providing gifts for seniors in need in our community for Christmas. If you are interested in participating in this program, take a tag from the tree in the Narthex. We ask that you wrap your gift and attach the tag to the outside of the gift and return it under the tree or in the church office. **Please return your gift by Sunday, December 11th.**



Christmas Plants are for sale. If you would like to sponsor a plant in memory or in honor of your loved one, please fill out a form and place your check (marked Altar Guild) in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. Forms are available on the counter outside of the Sanctuary. **Orders are due today.**

COMMUNION HYMN *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!* **ELW 246**

(Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878; Music: William H. Monk, 1832-1889)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,

In this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

BLESSING

*The Lord now bless and keep you; God's love in you increase
By God's own face, with shining grace, grant you eternal peace
To Father, Son, and Spirit, eternal One-in-Three
Be thanks and praise through all our days, into eternity.*

SENDING HYMN *The King Shall Come* **ELW 260**

(Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925; Music: A. Davisson, Kentucky Harmony, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003; Arr. © 1969 Concordia Publishing House)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* **Gilbert M. Martin**

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(An offering is gathered for the mission and ministry of God's Church.)

(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING HYMN *We Give Thee but Thine Own* **ELW 686 (vv. 1, 2)**

(Text: William W. How, 1832-1897, alt.; Music: L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda)

OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comfort your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, the Beginning and the End,
our Salvation and our Hope,
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.
When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.
At this end of the ages
your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.
In the night in which he was betrayed...
Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await his coming again
in righteousness and peace.
Send your Spirit on us
and on this bread and wine we share:
strengthen our faith,
increase our hope,
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.
Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

(The assembly is seated.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God, who has come to save you.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.

*If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
crossing your arms over your chest.*

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.